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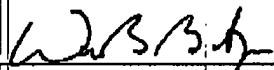
REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claims 7, 13, 25, 32, 34, 43, 46, 47, 50, 51, 59, 64, 71, and 74 and has amended independent claims 1, 26, 30, 33, 35, 37, 40, 45, 49, 57, 61, 69, 73, and 75 to clarify that the dielectric material comprises diamond-like carbon coating or diamond thin film. Conforming amendments have been made to claims 8, 35, 38, 39, 48, 60.

As noted during a telephone discussion yesterday between the Applicant's undersigned representative and Examiner Paumen, the dielectric materials described in the present specification are clearly distinguished over the types of insulative materials used in related prior art electrical feedthrus, such as rubber.

No new matter is incorporated by this preliminary amendment. Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account Nº. 19-0615.

Respectfully submitted,



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